

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ARTIFICIAL KNEE JOINT WITH A PUSH ROD BIASED TO ROTATE A PROSTHETIC LOWER LEG RAPIDLY TO ALIGN WITH A RESIDUAL THIGH

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as United States Application Number _____
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 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I (we) hereby appoint the following as our representative(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

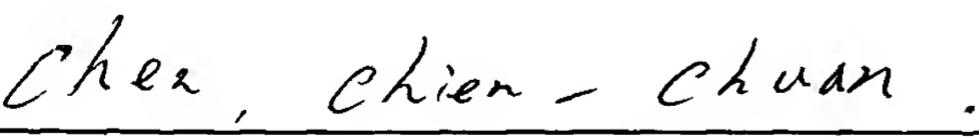
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RAPIDLY TO ALIGN WITH A RESIDUAL THIGH
VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) —INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled ARTIFICIAL KNEE JOINT WITH A PUSH ROD BIASED TO ROTATE A PROSTHETIC LOWER LEG RAPIDLY TO ALIGN WITH A RESIDUAL described in :

- (X) the specification filed herewith THIGH
() application serial no. _____, filed _____
() patent no. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

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- (X) no such person, concern, or organization
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*Note : Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

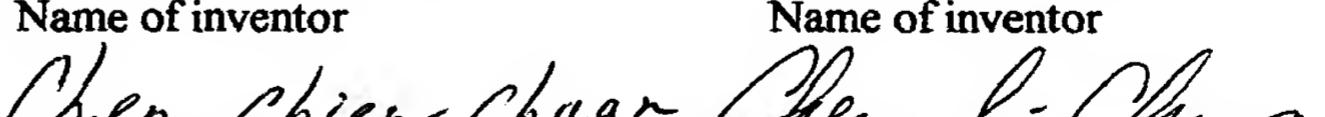
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chien-Liang CHEN et al.

Title: ARTIFICIAL KNEE JOINT
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Appl. No.: Not yet assigned

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Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: Not yet assigned

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27 (c)(1), Applicants hereby assert entitlement to small entity status in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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